

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete paragraphs [12] through [20] in the specification and add the following paragraph:

A method and/or apparatus for a phoneme playback system for aiding language pronunciation, substantially as shown in and/or described in connection with at least one of the figures, as set forth more completely in the claims.

Please add the following paragraphs between paragraphs [95] and [96] in the specification. The added paragraphs below are the paragraphs [12] through [20] deleted above and therefore, do not constitute new matter.

Certain embodiments of the invention provide a method and apparatus for aiding language pronunciation. An aspect of the method may comprise receiving at least one event by an audio enabled toy and selecting within the audio enabled toy, a phoneme and/or a lingo from a first removable storage of the audio enabled toy that corresponds to the received event. The phoneme and/or lingo may be associated with a first language. An audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo may be generated within the audio enabled toy. The generated audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo may be played from within the audio enabled toy.

In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, a duration, a pitch, a volume and a speed of the playing of the generated audio representation may be adjusted from within the audio enabled toy. Additionally, at least one of a voice type corresponding to an infant, a toddler, a teenager, an adult, a male and/or a female may be selected within the audio enabled toy for playing the generated audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo. Phonemes

and/or lingos that are native to the first language may be excluded prior to playing the generated audio.

The first removable storage may be replaced with a second removable storage comprising at least a phoneme and/or a lingo corresponding to a second language. A phoneme and/or a lingo corresponding to a second language may be selected from within the audio enabled toy from at least two removable storages simultaneously coupled within an audio enabled toy. Phonemes and/or lingos may be downloaded by the audio enabled toy from a remote server, a remote storage and/or a personal computer. In this regard, downloading from within an audio enabled toy may occur via a wired and/or a wireless interface. The received event may be at least one of a motion trigger, a sound trigger and a button trigger.

Another embodiment of the invention may provide a machine-readable storage, having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for aiding language pronunciation. The at least one code section may be executable by a machine, thereby causing the machine to perform the steps as described above for aiding language pronunciation.

An aspect of the apparatus may comprise a trigger unit within an audio enabled toy that receives at least one event and an audio processing unit that selects from within the audio enabled toy, a phoneme and/or a lingo from a first removable storage of the audio enabled toy that corresponds to the received event. The phoneme and/or lingo may be associated with a first language. The received event may be at least one of a motion trigger, a sound trigger and a button trigger. An audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo may be generated within the audio enabled toy by the audio processing unit. The generated audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo may be played from within the audio enabled toy by the audio processing unit.

In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, a duration, a pitch, a volume and a speed of the playing of the generated audio representation may be adjusted from within the audio enabled toy by the audio processing unit. Additionally, at least one of a voice type corresponding to an infant, a toddler, a teenager, an adult, a male and/or a female may be selected from within the audio enabled toy by the audio processing unit and utilized for playing

the generated audio representation of the selected phoneme and/or lingo. Phonemes and/or lingos that are native to the first language may be excluded by the audio processing unit prior to playing the generated audio.

The first removable storage may be replaced with a second removable storage comprising at least a phoneme and/or a lingo corresponding to a second language. The audio processing unit may allow a phoneme and/or a lingo corresponding to a second language to be selected from within the audio enabled toy from at least two removable storages that are simultaneously coupled within an audio enabled toy. With the aid of a communication interface, phonemes and/or lingos may be downloaded by the audio enabled toy from a remote server, a remote storage and/or a personal computer. In this regard, downloading via the communication interface from within an audio enabled toy may occur in a wired and/or a wireless manner.

Another embodiment of the invention for aiding language pronunciation may comprise receiving at least one triggering event by an audio enabled toy and generating from within said audio enabled toy, audio signals representative of a plurality of phonemes for a native language and a plurality of phonemes for at least one non-native language. Sound corresponding to the generated audio signals may be played from within the audio enabled toy. Also, at least a portion of the plurality of the phonemes for the at least one non-native language may comprise phonemes that are not common with phonemes of the native language.

A further embodiment of the invention for aiding language pronunciation may comprise receiving at least one triggering event by an audio enabled toy and generating from within the audio enabled toy, audio signals representative of phonemes for a non-native language, wherein at least a portion of the phonemes for the non-native language comprises phonemes that are not in common with any phonemes of a native language. Sound corresponding to the generated audio signals may be played from within the audio enabled toy.